

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are requested.

Claims 1-106 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Young (U.S. 6,498,895) in view of Smith (US 6,516,329).

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been amended so as to further distinguish the present invention, as recited therein, from the references relied upon in the above-mentioned rejection.

Further, claims 4, 7 and 11-13 have been amended in light of the amendments to claim 1.

Additionally, claims 2, 14-37 and 66-106 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

The above-mentioned rejection is submitted to be inapplicable to the amended claims for the following reasons.

Claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Young and Smith, since claim 1 recites a program list display device including, in part, a means for preparing a program information displaying screen for displaying program information for programs scheduled to be broadcast and program information for past recorded programs, a display format setting screen for indicating a display format of the program information, and a display filter setting screen for restricting programs to be displayed on the program information displaying screen, wherein the program information comprises a program series name attribute which shows a series of programs to which a program belongs. The combination of Young and Smith fails to disclose or suggest this feature of claim 1.

Young discloses an apparatus that is installed in a broadcast receiver having a video recording and playback function. The apparatus is capable of displaying program information for programs scheduled to be broadcast and program information for past recorded programs as a program list on a single screen. The apparatus is also capable of displaying the program information as a two-dimensional array or one-dimensional array, and dynamically switching between these two display types.

However, the present invention as recited in claim 1 now specifically states that the program information comprises a program series name attribute which shows a series of programs to which a program belongs. Young fails to disclose or suggest this feature of claim 1. Therefore, Smith must

disclose or suggest this feature in order for the combination of Young and Smith to render claim 1 obvious.

Regarding Smith, it is relied upon as disclosing a convergence system 200 that is capable of converging information from different sources for display on a television. (See column 6, lines 15-36 and Figure 2). However, Smith fails to disclose or suggest the program information comprising the program series name attribute which shows the series of programs to which the program belongs. Therefore, Smith fails to address the deficiency of Young. As a result, claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Young and Smith.

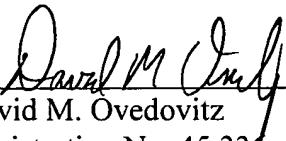
As for claims 3, 5 and 6, they are patentable over the references for reasons similar to those set forth above in support of claim 1. That is, claims 3, 5 and 6 each recite, in part, that the program information comprises a program series name attribute which shows a series of programs to which a program belongs, which feature is not disclosed or suggested by the references.

Because of the above-mentioned distinctions, it is believed clear that claims 1, 3-13 and 38-65 are allowable over the references relied upon in the rejection. Furthermore, it is submitted that the distinctions are such that a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would not have been motivated to make any combination of the references of record in such a manner as to result in, or otherwise render obvious, the present invention as recited in claims 1, 3-13 and 38-65. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1, 3-13 and 38-65 are clearly allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

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